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Appl. No. : 10/560,289 **Confirmation No.** : 3187

Applicant: Benkowski, R.J. **Assignee**: MicroMed

Technology, Inc.

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for Physiologic Control of a Blood

Pump

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING AN RCE

Sir:

Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested in light of the arguments and amendments presented herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2. Assignee's Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.